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**As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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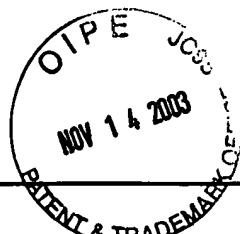
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